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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 2437

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT MOPS PFOR CY
SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: TURKISH VERSION

REI: NICOSIA 2434

1. TURK EMBASSY DENIES THEIR FORCES MOVING BEYOND PYROI.
ACCORDING TURKISH ACCOUNT, THERI MILITARY CAPTURED PYROI BEFORE
CEASEFIRE (VILLAGE COMPLETELY ABANDONED) BUT WITHDREW TO
HIGHT COMMANDING AREA. MORNING AUG 17, TURKISH FORCES WERE
"SURPRISED" TO FIND TWO GREEK CYPRIOT TANKS AND NUMBER SOLDIERS
IN VILLAGE. FIGHTING YESTERDAY, WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL APPROXI-
MATELY 0700 LOCAL TODAY, WAS TO "RESTORE STATUS QUO".
TURKISH EMBASSY SAYS VILLAGE NOW BACK IN THEIR HANDS.
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2. TURKISH EMBASSY EXPLICITLY DENIED ANY INTENT CUT LIMASSOL ROAD. SAID LOCAL COMMANDERS UNDER "STRICT INSTRUCTIONS" OBSERVE CEASEFIRE. THEY WILL REPLY, HOWEVER, IF FIRED UPON OR IF GREEKS ATTEMPT ALTER CURRENT LINES. IN THIS REGARD, TURKISH EMBASSY NOTED THERE HAS BEEN SOME FIRE FROM CYTA BUILDING ACROSS GREEN LINE IN NICOSIA THIS MORNING. ACTION HAS BEEN PROTESTED TO UNFICYP. IF IT CONTINUES, TURKS SAY THEY WILL RETALIATE.

3. ACCORDING TURK EMBASSY, NO RPT NO EFFORT WAS MADE TO LINK UP WITH LIMNITIS OR KIKKINA. LINE IN WEST STOPS AT LEFKA/XEROS. NG HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO ATTACK THESE ENCLAVES SINCE CEASE FIRE, AND THEY CONTINUE HOLD OUT.

4. COMMENT: TURKISH VERSION OF FIGHTING AROUND PYROI GENERALLY ACCORDS WITH INFO GIVEN DATT BY CYPRUS ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF.
DAVIES

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